

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Self Sustenance Schemes for Tribals
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there are any existing schemes to enable self sustenance of the tribes in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans to introduce more such schemes to promote employment and social welfare of the tribals; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA)

(a) & (b): The Ministry is not pursuing any specific self-sustenance scheme for Tribals / Scheduled Tribes in the country. However, Government through various interventions has strategized the overall development of tribal people across the country, which takes care of necessary support for education, health, sanitation, water supply, livelihood etc to ameliorate their economic, educational and social conditions. The funding for tribal development is provided through Tribal Sub-Plan of State and Central Government. The major part of development activities is carried out through various schemes/programmes of concerned Central Ministries and the State Governments, while Ministry of Tribal Affairs under its Special Area Programme of Special Central Assistance to Tribal Sub-Plan (SCA to TSP) and other Central Sector / Centrally Sponsored schemes provides funds as an additive to the State Plan for economic development of tribals in the States covering skill development and employment-cum-income generation activities.

(c) & (d): Government has launched a new Scheme 'Van Bandhu Kalyan Yojana (VKY)', which has been adopted as a strategic process, aiming at creating enabling environment for need based and outcome oriented holistic development of the tribal people across the country by convergence of resources through appropriate institutional mechanism. Thematic areas to be covered under VKY are given below:

- I. Qualitative and sustainable employment.
- II. Quality education and higher education.
- III. Accelerated economic development of tribal areas.
- IV. Health for all.
- V. Housing for all.
- VI. Safe drinking water for all.
- VII. Irrigation facilities suited to the terrain.
- VIII. All weather roads with connectivity to the nearby town/cities.
- IX. Universal availability of electricity.
- X. Urban development.
- XI. Promotion of sports in the tribal areas
- XII. Promotion and preservation of tribal culture and heritage
- XIII. Robust institutional mechanism.
- XIV. Security.
